ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಎಂ. ಚನ್ನಬಸಪ್ಪ.—ಅವರು ತದ್ವಿರುದ್ಧವಾಗಿ ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯ ಪಟ್ಟಿದಾರೆ, ನಿಜ. ಆದರೆ ದೇಶದ ಹಿತದೃಷ್ಟಿಯಿಂದ ಇದು ಅವಶ್ಯಕವೆಂದು ತೀರ್ಮಾನ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದೇವೆ.

MADAM SPEAKER.—Question Hour is over.

QUESTION FOR ANSWERS ON THE DAY (BUT NOT TAKEN UP)
CONSTITUTION OF A BOARD TO PROVIDE RELIEF TO DROUGHT AREAS.

433. SRI V. KRISNA RAO (Gauribidanur).—

Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal before the Government to constitute a Board on the line of "Rayalaseema Board in Andhra Pradesh" to give permanent relief to the chronically drought affected areas like Kolar, Tumkur and Chitradurga Districts ;

(*b*) if so, when it will be constituted ?

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS. (Chief Minister)—

(*a*) and (*b*) The matter is under consideration of Government.

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE.

(*i*) *Re. Unemployed Electrical Diploma holders.*

SRI BAPU GOWDA RAYAPPA (Shahpur).—I beg to call the attention of the Minister for Public Works and Electricity to the sufferings of the Electrical Diploma holders in the State who are still remaining unemployed.

SRI H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works) Sir I state as follows.—

There are 1827 electrical diploma holders who have registered their names with the Employment Exchanges in the State as on 1st June 1972. According to the instructions issued by Government, the State owned industries and the Central Government industrial establishments set up in the State send their requisitions to the Employment Exchanges whenever they require these technical persons for appointment under them. The problem of finding employment is, however, difficult as these industrial establishments insist on past experience on the part of the candidates before recruiting them, with the result the Employment Exchanges with whom these candidates have registered cannot comply with the demands from these establishments.

As regards the Mysore State Electricity Board, which a major organisation offering opportunities for employment to electrical diploma holders in the State, it may be stated that due to paucity of graduates in the early 60s, a large number of diploma holders were recruited by the Board to fill up such posts which were normally to be filled up by graduates and the filling up of the posts of junior engineers by supervisors has resulted in excess number of supervisors being appointed over and above the available number of supervisors posts for which these diploma holders are recruited. Prior to 1968, a number of diploma holders were also recruited by the Board on a tentative basis and due to the award of the Industrial Tribunal, the service of the surplus tentative supervisors who were recruited on *ad-hoc* basis had to be regularised. The number of supervisors whose services have thus been regularised is 267. As the number of diploma-holders increased considerably, some of the posts such as those of operators and shift mechanics had to filled up by the diploma-holders and they were also absorbed in the service of the Board. At present, there are about 1,242 diploma-holders working under the Board, of whom nearly 250 diploma-holders will be surplus over and above the posts sanctioned for them. Because of the surplus diploma-holders now working under the Board, there has been a temporary postponement of recruitment of these persons by the Board in order to enable it to regularise the position under its rules of recruitment to the various posts. Conseqent on the re-organisation of divisions under the Board due to increase in its activities, it has been possible for the Board to create 57 additional posts for electrical diploma-holders and it is expected that fresh recruitment of diploma-holders could be made by the Board in about 3 to 4 years time, by which time the surplus supervisors now under the Board will be absorbed and some extra vacancies will be available to the new diploma-holders.

The representations addressed by the un-employed electrical diploma-holders to the Governor and also to the Chief Minister were carefully considered by Government. Government, informed these persons, in response to their representations, that as the employment potential under the Mysore State Electricity Board and other Government departments is at the moment limited, they should come up with schemes which would provide self-employment to them, in which case Government could consider the question of helping them.

SRI BAPU GOWDA RAYAPPA :—By the statement of the Honourable Minister, it is clear that for another two or three years, the 1827 Diploma holders cannot be given employment. The Government has, I belive, some schemes to provide self employment to unemployed persons. I request the Government to state whether it is contemplating to absorb these unemployed Diploma holders under the proposed schemes.

SRI H. M. CHANNABASAPPA :—In regard to self employment projects, it is always best for the people to come out first with the projects and ask for such kind of help as Government can give. Government will be pleased to consider all such propositions with sympathy.

(ii) re : Employment of Diploma holders as Junior Engineers in Gulburga District.

SRI DHARMSINGH NARAYANSINGH (Jevargi) :—I beg to call the attention of the Honourable Minister for Public Works and Electricity to the question of providing employment to diploma holders as Junior Engineers in Gulbarga District.

SRI H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works) :—Sir, I state as follows :—

1. The age limit prescribed for diploma holders for the recruitment to the post of Supervisors (now designated as Junior Engineers (Non-graduate)was 29 years as per the Recruitment Rules that were in force as on 3rd December 1960. This age limit of 29 years was enhanced to 31 years by amending the Recruitment Rules on 18th June 1969.

2. Government have considered the un-employment position of technically qualified personnel. After consideration, the above age limit of 31 years was further enhanced to 33 years by amending the Recruitment Rules on 16th March 1972. As shch the age limit prescribed for recruitment of Diploma Holders now is 33 years.

3. In view of enhanced the age limit from 29 years to 33 years the diploma holders from Gulbarga who are said to have crossed the age limit referred to in the 'Calling attention notice' become eligible for recruitment to the posts of Junior Engineers upto 33 years of age, and may apply to the posts of Junior Engineers. The Public Service Commission has already notified calling for applications for the posts of Junior Engineers for both Graduates and Diploma holders.

ಶ್ರೀ ಧರ್ಮಸಿಂಗ್ ನಾರಾಯಣಸಿಂಗ್:—ತಾರೀಖು ೧೯ನೇ ಅಕ್ಟೋಬರ್ ೧೯೭೧ರಲ್ಲಿ ಜೂನಿಯರ್ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರ್ಸ್‌ನ್ನು ಅಪಾಯಿಂಟ್ ಮಾಡಬೇವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಚೀಫ್ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರ್ ಲಿಸ್ಟ್ ಕಾಲ್‌ಫಾರ್ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದರು. ಅದನ್ನು ಇಲ್ಲಿಯವರೆಗೂ ಪೆಂಡಿಂಗ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅದು ತಮ್ಮ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆಯೇ?

SRI H. M. CHANNABASAPPA :—When the appropriate authority calls for applications, if these people who are under 33 years of age apply, their cases will also be considered.

SRI V. N. PATIL :—It is a welcome step that the Government has taken. I want to know further whether the Government want to amend the Civil Service Rules to that effect and relax this Rule for those who have crossed 31 years. This will benifit all the unemployed diploma holders, who have crossed 31 years.